

PRESTEIGNE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL
REPORTS

for the Year 1962

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Public Health Inspector

St. David's,

Presteigne.

November, 1963

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1962.

To the Chairman and Members of the Presteigne Urban
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report
for 1962.

This year saw the outbreaks of Smallpox in various areas and although there was no case in Presteigne, a large number of the population were vaccinated at their own request. Many of these people had never been previously vaccinated and this shewed the urgent need for children to be properly immunised in infancy to avoid risks in later life. With modern methods and techniques this is a simple business.

It is to be hoped that work will shortly begin on the Main Services improvements thus enabling an early start on a housing programme.

I have to thank the Clerk and the Public Health Inspector for their unfailing help.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID WALKER,

M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Staff.

Medical Officer of Health	David Walker, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Public Health Inspector	G. V. R. Lee, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Clerk of the Council	G. S. G. Richards

Section A.

STATISTICS and SOCIAL CONDITIONS of the AREA

	1962	1961
Area (in acres) ...	2718	2718
Population ..	1190	1180
Number of inhabited houses	490	490
Rateable value of the area	£11,367	£11,014
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	£45 0 0	£41 3 0

EXTRACT FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	1962			1961		
	M	F	T	M	F	T
Live births (legitimate)	13	11	24	6	16	22
(illegitimate)	—	1	1	—	—	—
Still births (legitimate)	—	1	1	—	—	—
Deaths (all causes)	7	8	15	12	5	17
Deaths of infants under 1 year	—	—	—	1	1	2
Infantile mortality rate		0·0			91·0	
Birth rate (per 1,000 of Population)		21·0			19·4	
Still birth rate (per 1,000 live and still births)		38·5			0·0	
Death rate (per 1,000 of Population)		12·6			14·4	

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	1962			1961		
	M	F	T	M	F	T
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	—	—	1	—	1
„ „ lung, bronchus	—	—	—	1	—	1
„ „ breast	—	2	2	—	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	—	2	2	1	—	1
Coronary Disease, Angina	2	—	2	4	—	4
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Heart Disease	—	3	3	2	—	2
Other circulatory Disease	—	—	—	1	1	2
Influenza	—	—	—	1	—	1
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	1	1
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	1	1	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	1	—	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—	1	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other defined or ill defined diseases	3	—	3	1	1	2
Motor vehicle accident	—	—	—	—	1	1
All other accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total—All Causes	7	8	15	12	5	17

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year 1962, six cases of infectious and other notifiable disease occurred; they were:

Measles

Section B.

GENERAL PROVISION of HEALTH SERVICES for THE AREA.

LABORATORY FACILITIES. The Public Health Laboratory in Hereford provides the necessary facilities for the area. Special facilities are available at a private Laboratory in Gloucester.

CLINICS. The County Council hold the Child Welfare Clinic on the first Tuesday in each month at the Memorial Hall. This is very well attended.

Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector for the Year 1962.

To the Chairman and Members of the Presteigne Urban
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my sixth Annual Report, upon the work carried out and falling within my scope during 1962.

Routine work continued through the year under review and no particular difficulties were encountered.

I referred, in my last Report, to the delay occasioned in the erection of a new slaughterhouse in Slough Road. At that time of writing, November 1962, we were still awaiting the approval of the Minister of Agriculture to the proposal. This later arrived but, coupled with the very severe weather, prevented any start on detailed work until the late Spring of 1963.

All the groundwork and preparation of plans was carried out by your Consulting Engineers into the proposals for a new Water Scheme and the Sewage Disposal Works. In regard to the latter a Ministry Inquiry was held in August 1962 and subsequently the Minister approved the scheme. Work has now commenced.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their consideration, to express my thanks to Dr. Walker, and to your Clerk, Mr. Richards, for their help and co-operation.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. V. R. LEE,

Public Health Inspector.

November, 1963.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Total Inspections	1309
Number of Complaints received	31
Informal Notices served	27
Informal Notices complied	27

ROUTINE INSPECTIONS MADE.

Meat and Food	190
Meat Shops	97
Slaughterhouses	90
Housing—Primary	152
—Re-Inspections	241
Water Supply	26
Drainage	140
Cleansing	40
Rodent Control	45
Moveable Dwelling	6
Dairy	11
Bakehouse	4
Smoke	4
Food Premises	60
Shops	12
Ice Cream	30
Factory (No Mech. Power)	15
Miscellaneous	26
Factory (Mech. Power)	19
Highways	72
Cinema	4
Overcrowding	2
Cafe	17
Petroleum	6
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MEAT and FOOD INSPECTION.

A total of 312 visits were made in connection with the inspection of meat and other foods.

MEAT INSPECTION.

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in your area. The following table gives the number of animals slaughtered during the year and percentages affected with disease.

CARCASSES and OFFAL INSPECTED and CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	124	—	—	439	115	—
Number inspected	122	—	—	439	115	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	1	—	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affect- ed with disease other than tubercul- osis or cysticerci	—	—	—	0.23	—	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affect- ed with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

